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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

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ANDREW EMINER  
35905 Chardon Road  
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

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LAKE CO. CLERK OF COURT

Plaintiff,

v.

MENARD, INC.  
c/o Corporation Service Company  
50 West Broad St., Suite 1330  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**  
**WITH JURY DEMAND**

**21CV000699  
JOHN P. O'DONNELL**

Plaintiff Andrew Eminger, by and through undersigned Counsel, submits the following Complaint for damages against Defendant Menard, Inc., and alleges as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Andrew Eminger is a resident of Ohio at the captioned address.
2. Defendant Menard, Inc. ("Menard"), is a Wisconsin corporation, registered with the Secretary of State to do business in Ohio, where it does substantial business.
3. At all relevant times, Defendant conducted retail operations at the Menard store located at 9600 Diamond Centre Road in Mentor, Ohio 44060.
4. The incident which is the subject of this Complaint occurred on the Menard premises in Lake County, Ohio. Therefore, this Court is a proper venue.

**THE FACTS**

5. On the morning of January 20, 2021, Plaintiff Andrew Eminger was walking into the customer entrance of the Menard store at 9600 Diamond Centre Road in Mentor, Ohio.

EXHIBIT

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6. While walking into the store as a business invitee, Mr. Eminger was struck on the head, neck, and shoulders by ice and snow that became dislodged from the unguarded, sloping metallic roof over the customer entrance. As a result, Mr. Eminger suffered very serious physical injuries that have required substantial medical intervention and continued care, and which have prevented him from working his job as he had before.

**CAUSE OF ACTION**

7. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations contained in the previous paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.

8. Menard owed Mr. Eminger and other invitees a duty of care to keep its property reasonably safe to customers, visitors, and frequenters, and to keep its entrance protected from falling ice and snow. Menard breached its duty by failing to remove dangerous ice and snow from the roof over the entrance, failing to erect an awning or other appropriate device to protect those entering the store from the ice and snow overhead, and/or by failing to otherwise design or maintain the roof over the entrance in a way that more reasonably reduced the risk that a customer would be struck by chunks of ice and snow that gathered on and then dislodged from the sloping metallic roof.

9. As a direct and proximate result of Menard's negligence, Mr. Eminger has sustained harms, losses, and damages, including (but not limited to) physical injuries, medical costs, lost earnings, and other economic and non-economic damages.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Plaintiff Andrew Eminger demands judgment against Defendant in an amount in excess of \$25,000 on his complaint for compensatory damages, as well as any other appropriate relief, including pre- or post-judgment interest, attorney's fees, or costs.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Drew Legando

Drew Legando (0084209)

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**Administrative Appeal (Specific ORC Sec.)** \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

**Consumer Sales Practices: Actions commenced under applicable section of ORC Chapters: 109, 1315, 1317, 1321, 1322, 1333, 1334, 1345, 1349, 3953, 4505, 4549, 4710, 4712, 4719, 4775, 4905 or 5311**

**Contract or Quasi Contract**

**Criminal**

**Declaratory Judgment**

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**Foreign Judgment**

**Malpractice (specify) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Credit Card (CI)**

**Personal Injury**

**Product Liability**

**Professional Tort**

**Provisional Remedy (Replevin, Attachment, Garnishment)**

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**Other Tort**

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Revised Code Section unique to this particular cause which controls the time within which the case is to proceed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Drew Legando 0084209

Printed name &amp; Registration No.

Merriman Legando Williams &amp; Klang, LLC

Firm name

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